

SHOWS ADVANCE OF JAPAN.

Crude Methods of Mining Discarded for Most Up-to-Date Ideas.

Near the center of the beautiful mountain island of Shikoku, and standing rather more than 4,000 feet above the waters of the inland sea of Japan, there is a peak of sulphide copper ore which has become a center of industry popularly known throughout the island empire as Sumitomo Besshi. Here, for centuries before the industrial development of the new world was begun by white men, the Japanese were mining in a crude way and carrying the ore on their backs in small wicker baskets (such as are still used for coaling ships at Nagasaki) down the 12 miles of arduous mountain paths to the smelters on the shore of the inland sea.

To-day the marvelous little workers are still at the pursuit of burrowing out the mountain, but a vast change has come over the methods of working, says a writer in the Engineering Magazine. Where in the ancient times only a paltry few hundred baskets of ore were each day borne over the difficult trails, an output of 9,000 tons daily now glides down a great cableway, and is carried from the foot of the slope by railroad to the sea. In short, there is established at Sumitomo Besshi a modern mining plant, modern in all essential details of engineering construction, and the wonder of the transformation is that it has been wrought without the direct assistance of a single foreign engineer.

HE WORKED HIS "SCIENCE."

New Method Employed by Satisfied and Comfortable Husband.

It is the wife who is the head of the house, and it was she who decided upon the flat—and repented immediately afterward. The building was a new one, scarcely finished, and after the parlor ceiling had fallen twice and the repair man had botched a dozen small jobs she decided to move again.

In this she met the lively opposition of the family. They were all content with their rooms and the children begged for a delay. The husband took the matter with calmness and did not enter into the argument after expressing his entire contentment with the present conditions.

The wife worried and went flat hunting, but at last she announced that she had come to the conclusion that they would remain. The husband looked up placidly from his coffee cup. "I knew that several weeks ago," he announced.

"But I only decided this morning," she retorted in surprise.

He smiled pityingly. "Down at the church," he explained, "we have been giving you absent treatment for five weeks. After this you need not say that there is nothing in science."

Much Used Wedding Present.

A Providence girl, who has been married about six months, had wedding cards a short time ago from an old school friend who had given her a wedding present, which, of course, demanded one in return. Among her wedding presents the Providence girl had duplicates in the shape of two silver card trays, and in a spirit of economy she decided to give one of these to her friend. It was marked with her own initials, but it would be only a matter of a few minutes to have them removed and the proper monogram cut.

She took it to the jeweler and explained what was to be done. He picked up the tray, looked at it closely and smiled.

"Madame," said he, "it will be impossible. I have already changed the initials on this same tray five times, and it has worn so thin that I cannot do it again without cutting through the bottom."

Had Good Eyesight.

A young man from the rural districts went to Boston, and while there visited the Harvard astronomical observatory and was allowed to look through a great telescope at the stars. "What is that star?" he inquired, pointing to a very bright one.

"Oh, that's Aldebaran," replied the attendant.

"Is it very far off?" asked the youth.

"About 10,000,000 miles."

"Then all I can say," said the visitor, "is that you must have wonderfully good eyes to make out that star's name, at that distance, even with that big telescope. It's really most marvelous."

The Sneerer and His Sneer.

The sneer is an arrested bite. It is a mark of the savage. The man who sneers is that much less of a gentleman. The sneerer would bite if he was not afraid to do so. He is a coward. The sneerer is a savage whether he sneers in print or not. If he writes down his sneers he has not removed himself from the ranks of savagery. He yet remains one of the worst savages, however his English be polished and his style be sparkling. The sneer does turn into a bite when even the savage who indulges in it acquires courage. While he is a coward it remains an arrested bite.—Columbia Herald.

Thinking of a Noiseless Time.

Mother—Tommy, little boys should be seen and not heard when taking their soup.

Tommy—How long will it be before I can take my soup like papa?

CLUNG TO HIM.



He—I understand the man that Carrye is engaged to is going to the dogs.

She—That doesn't make much difference, I reckon. Carrye is awfully fond of animals.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE MELANCHOLY DAYS.



"Why do they call these melancholy days?"

"Because they are the days when, just as you have finished paying up your debts for your summer vacation, you remember that you have to begin saving up for the holidays."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A CLOSE FINISH.



She (just married)—Will I always be the dearest thing in the world to you?

He—I'm sure you will, unless the landlord raises the rent.

FEMININE AMENITIES.



Mrs. Impleton—Yes, dear, I married Reggie because he is so unlike other men.

Miss Cutting—Yes, I thought he must be when I heard that he had married you.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

EVIDENCE OF RICHES.



Visitor—I suppose the earl is rich? Native—Rich? Why, bless 'ee, sir, look at these 'ere scarecrows 'e's just 'ad put 'ere, made o' real marble; 'e must be fair rollin' in money.

Remedy for Warts.

A old remedy for warts is made by mixing two drams of soap cerate and a quarter of a dram each of powdered sawin and powdered verdigris. Mix and spread on a piece of kid the size of the wart and bind on over night. It will burn and eat off the wart. It may be necessary to repeat the application in a week. If the burning continues apply oxide of zinc ointment.

An Early Hair Restorer.

A remedy for baldness has recently been found by a learned Egyptologist, inscribed in a papyrus. It is said to have been used by King Chata, the second sovereign of the first dynasty. The recipe is as follows: "A mixture of dogs' paws, dates and asses' hoofs, ground up and cooked in oil. The head is to be rubbed vigorously with the preparation.—Family Doctor.

Misbehaving Moon.

Papa had shown Ethel the full moon the night before. It was her first sight and she seemed greatly impressed. Next morning, as soon as she was out of bed, she ran to the window and gazed at the sky for a few moments. The sky was streaked with white clouds. She called out: "O, papa, come quick; the moon has scratched the sky all up."

Childish Rebellion.

I have a little friend five years old that I call Buster. His mother had punished him, and some time after a friend of his mother was calling and said to Buster: "Are you not glad you have such a nice mother?" He replied promptly: "If you had a mother who whipped her children as he whips me I don't believe you would think her nice."

Diet of the Devilfish.

A lady's hat was discovered in the stomach of a large "monk" or "devil" fish which was opened on Scarborough pier yesterday. The hat was practically whole. Inside the large mouth of the fish was a sole. No doubt the hat had been blown from the head of some young lady on a ship.—London Daily News.

Good Chance for Her.

Elderly Lothario (to chorus girl)—Well, Miz, you'll be the lucky one, you know. I lived with my first wife 12 years before we separated, and with the second six. That makes 18. So if you marry me and stay with me seven years, I shall celebrate my silver wedding with you.—Fliegende Blatter.

The Inseparables.

One day last summer, while walking through the farm where we were spending our vacation, I pointed out to my little son where the cabbage patch was, and he looked at it a little while and then asked: "Mother, where does the corn beef grow?"—Chicago Tribune.

Baby's Peculiar Feat.

Joseph, aged five, is greatly interested in automobiles. One day his father was jumping his baby brother up and down, and little Joe seeing that the baby was jumping on one foot cried: "Look, papa! He is running on one cylinder."

Increasing Length of Life.

The length of life is steadily increasing. The age of mental and physical maturity has advanced from five to seven years. Twenty-five used to be the full blossoming time of womanhood. Now it is conceded to be 30 and after.

Police Arrests in New York.

Police of New York city are making about 20 less arrests each day than were made two years ago, particularly on account of the policy of not making spectacular raids in which a number of persons are taken.

Limitations of Goodness.

Goodness makes a great mistake when, in its self-satisfaction, it takes no pains to please. An angel wouldn't be sweet with her hair uncombed or her robe frazzled.

How About Not Letting On?

If you are cheerful under affliction you are called indifferent, and if you make a fuss over it you are called selfish, and there you are.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Drawback to Cheap Coal.

Coal is only 25 cents a ton in China but unfortunately that is a little too far to carry the coal scuttle when the furnace gets low.

Old Saying Disproved.

A woman writer made \$100 by a new recipe for mock-turtle soup. And still they say there is no money in literature.

Seeming Lack of Materials.

We have known individuals of such meager minds that we always wondered what they used when they had to think.

Genius and Industry.

Ruskin: Never depend upon your genius; if you have none industry will supply the deficiency.

Mound of Walrus Tusks.

A mound of walrus' tusks was recently unearthed by railroad engineers in California.

Bags of Banana Leaves.

The natives of Kisiba carry coffee beans in bags of dried banana leaves.

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Bring in Your Samples

A. T. McIntyre, president of the Deep Tunnel Mining and Milling company of Elizabethtown, is collecting ore to place in cabinets to be placed in the depots at Raton. The following letter to the Prospector explains the matter quite fully:

Elizabethtown, N. M.,
February 14, 1907.

Red River Prospector,
Red River, N. M.

Dear Sir: I am collecting mineral specimens from Elizabethtown and Red River, to be placed in cabinets, one at Santa Fe depot and one at the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific depot in Raton, to advertise the Red River and Elizabethtown mining districts. If the miners of Red River will donate specimens, labeled, showing what property they are from, they will be placed in the cabinet just as they are labeled. Please bring or send them to A. T. McIntyre, and leave at the postoffice in Elizabethtown. Hoping the people will see the good of this and respond quickly, I am yours truly,
A. T. MCINTYRE.

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